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PATRICK JOSEPH GRIFFIN, white, male, date of birth place of birth

GRIFFIN began working in the White House in January of 1994 as the Assistant to the President and Director of Legislative Affairs. GRIFFIN worked in that position until February of 1996, when he left the White House to return to private industry.

GRIFFIN first met MONICA LEWINSKY in November of 1995 during the Government shutdown. LEWINSKY spent time in the office outside of LEON **PANETTA's** office answering telephones during the shutdown.

GRIFFIN described LEWINSKY as a little too eager and effervescent. GRIFFIN advised that **LEWINSKY's** attire and demeanor indicated she was not aware of where she worked. GRIFFIN advised that **LEWINSKY's** dresses were too short and her blouses were too tight. LEWINSKY went out of her way to get noticed.

GRIFFIN recalls one occasion during the shutdown when LEWINSKY met the President. GRIFFIN described LEWINSKY as being flirtatious. In response, the President was friendly.

GRIFFIN advised he played no role in LEWINSKY receiving a paid position in the Office of Legislative Affairs. GRIFFIN advised that TIM KEATING, GRIFFIN's Chief of Staff, was responsible for hiring LEWINSKY. GRIFFIN is not aware of how KEATING came to know LEWINSKY. GRIFFIN may have signed the form which approved LEWINSKY getting the paid position, but GRIFFIN did so at the recommendation of KEATING.

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